

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Prince George County, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

August 6, 2009 to September 3, 2009

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

Department of Defense/U.S. Department of the Army

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Department of the Army proposes to construct a 1000-unit lodging facility at Fort Lee. The facility would support the approximately 8,200 personnel to be added to Fort Lee by 2011 under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations. Currently, only 37% of students are lodged on post and with the impending increase in personnel, the Army must improve the quality and quantity of housing for its soldiers.

The facilities to be constructed would include a 500,920 square foot, 15-story structure, with a maintenance building and surface parking lot, which would accommodate 850 vehicles. In addition to the guest rooms, the facility would include a lobby, restaurant, meeting rooms, study rooms, guest storage and fitness and laundry areas. The site is 26 acres and was logged in 2007 in preparation for the construction of the lodging facilities. The site is located along Mahone Avenue and will be adjacent to the new Army Logistics University.

A federal consistency determination has been submitted for this proposal which finds it consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP).

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's Central Office in Richmond.

### **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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